

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE FOR RURAL AREAS) DOCKET NO. 00-00523
GENERIC DOCKET)**

**PETITION OF VERIZON WIRELESS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Petitioner") hereby seeks leave to intervene in the captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner, through its business conduct in the state of Tennessee, owns and operates certain wireless communications services and facilities throughout the state, including some rural areas.
2. Petitioner furthermore recognizes that certain technological advances and market forces may eventually lead to the potential substitutability of wireless communication services for that of land-line telecommunications services.
3. The subject of this proceeding may therefore directly affect Petitioner's operations in the state of Tennessee.
4. Because of its direct interest in this proceeding, Petitioner seeks to intervene in this matter, such intervention to include the right to receive copies of documents and pleadings, to submit information and testimony, to participate in the hearings of this matter and to participate in discussions, formal and informal, regarding the analysis and implementation of decisions affecting the outcome of rural Universal Service in the state of Tennessee.

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Based on the foregoing considerations, Petitioner urges the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to grant the request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

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